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PHYCOCYANIN-  
PIGMENTED ALGAE AND  
BACTERIA  
FROM REFLECTED LIGHT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following is a preliminary amendment for the application captioned above which is being filed contemporaneously with application. The examiner is respectfully requested to add the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks when examining the application.